

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-41 have been rejected.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter on the basis of nonfunctional descriptive material.

The Examiner stated that claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 12, and 25 were not tangibly embodied on a computer readable medium and that the claims do not produce a useful and concrete result.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 12 and 25 to produce a useful and concrete result and respectfully request the rejection of independent claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 12, and 25 be withdrawn.

Applicants further submit that claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13-24, and 26-41 are allowable as depending either directly or indirectly from an allowable claim.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-41 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent 6,633,552. Applicant has provided a terminal disclaimer and respectfully requests that the double patenting rejection of claims 1-41 be withdrawn.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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